

**BOARD OF PUBLIC EDUCATION**  
**MEETING MINUTES**

**March 16-17, 2017**  
**Holiday Inn Park Plaza**  
**Ballroom**  
**Helena, MT**

**Thursday March 16, 2017**  
**2:00 PM**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Carroll called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM on Thursday March 16, 2017. The Board said the Pledge of Allegiance and Ms. Stockton took roll call. Chair Carroll read the Statement of Public Participation and welcomed visitors.

Board Members present: Ms. Sharon Carroll, Chair; Dr. Darlene Schottle, Vice Chair; Ms. Tammy Lacey; Ms. Molly DeMarco, Student Rep. Staff present included: Mr. Pete Donovan, Executive Director Board of Public Education; Ms. Kris Stockton, Administrative Assistant. Ex Officio members present: Superintendent Elsie Arntzen; Ms. Siri Smillie, Governor's Office; Ms. Angela McLean, Commissioner of Higher Education's Office. Guests present: Dr. Tim Tharp, Deputy Superintendent, OPI; Ms. Colet Bartow, OPI; Mr. Dennis Parman, MREA; Dr. Kirk Miller, SAM; Ms. Donna Sorensen, MSDB Superintendent; Dr. Linda Vrooman Peterson, OPI; Ms. Kristine Thatcher, OPI; Mr. Bob Vogel, MTSBA;

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

*The consent agenda was adopted as presented.*

**ADOPT AGENDA**

**Dr. Darlene Schottle motioned to approve the agenda as presented moving the MSDB Superintendent contract approval to Friday morning. Ms. Tammy Lacey seconded the motion.**

*No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.*

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

❖ **REPORTS – Sharon Carroll (Items 1-6)**

**Item 1                      2:00 PM                      CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**  
**Sharon Carroll**

Chair Carroll discussed the resignation of Board member Andersen whose work traveling the world promoting and training on the Science Standards precludes him from continuing his work on the Board. The Chair discussed her meetings on behalf of the Board since the January meeting then asked Mr. Rob Stutz to brief the Board on the grievance filed by a former employee at the MSDB. Chair Carroll issued a decision on the matter and the grievance has been moved to arbitration at the Department of Administration.

**Item 2                    2:15 PM                    EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT**  
**Pete Donovan**

Mr. Donovan updated the Board on several items including the Board's clean audit for the 2016 review cycle, meetings he has had with Superintendent Arntzen and Deputy Superintendent Tharp, then briefly reviewed some of the bills working through the Legislature that the Board staff is watching. Dr. Schottle thanked Mr. Donovan for his work with the Legislature and updating the Board. Ms. Lacey echoed her comments.

**Item 3                    2:30 PM                    STATE SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**  
**State Superintendent Elsie Arntzen**

Superintendent Arntzen thanked Mr. Donovan for his work with the OPI. Superintendent Arntzen discussed some of the amendments to the education portion of the budget for K-12 funding from the Legislature and from the OPI. The Superintendent updated the Board with more specific budget information pertaining to OPI. Other issues discussed included fire alarms, building safety issues, and building inventory. Ms. Lacey asked for some clarification on some of the OPI budget requests in HB2.

**Item 4                    2:45 PM                    COMMISSIONER OF HIGHER EDUCATION'S REPORT**  
**Angela McLean**

Ms. McLean updated the Board on happenings at the Commissioner's Office including work currently with the GEAR UP Grant, continued work with the OPI on the Native American Caucus, the Education Caucus, Class 7 Licensure work, Title 2 program work for School Administrators, and joint work with MEA-MFT and the Professional Teaching Network in creating the Educators Rising program. Ms. McLean also discussed the review of the PEPS Standards to incorporate the Educators Rising program into the PEPS standards. Board members thanked the Commissioner's Office and the Education partners for their work on this issue.

**Item 5                    3:00 PM                    GOVERNOR'S OFFICE REPORT**  
**Siri Smillie**

Ms. Smillie updated the Board on Legislative issues and bills the Governor's office is watching pertaining to education, particularly HB 563 Preschool Grant. HB 590 providing \$1 million grant funding for suicide prevention programs was also discussed. Board members added input and ideas to both those bills.

**Item 6                    3:15 PM                    STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT**  
**Molly DeMarco**

Ms. DeMarco updated the Board on the state AA basketball tournament held in Great Falls over the past weekend and the impressive turnout of fans and students. State Science Bowl was held in Billings the same weekend. Secretary of State Stapleton will be visiting Great Falls High in April and all high school juniors are preparing for the ACT in April. Ms. DeMarco discussed the Intro to Education course being offered at CMR next year which she will be taking part in. Montana Association of Student Councils will be meeting in Great Falls in April and Ms. DeMarco will be holding a roundtable discussion April 26 at Great Falls High to discuss educator preparation and possibilities of becoming an educator. Ms. Lacey and Chair Carroll thanked Ms. DeMarco for her hard work. Chair Carroll also heard from the State Student Advisor asking if the Board would approve Ms. DeMarco for another term, and all members present agreed. Ms. Lacey suggested that the State Student Council look at making the Student Representative to the Board a 2-year term.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**❖ MSDB LIAISON - Mary Jo Bremner (Item 7)**

**Item 7                    4:00 PM                    MSDB REPORT**  
**Donna Sorensen**

Ms. Sorensen updated the Board on happenings at the MSDB including the passing of a long time Foundation member that has left the school with a huge hole, as well as the passing of a former student. Also reviewed was an accreditation deviation, student employment, student activities, Outreach, and HR. Ms. Sorensen fielded questions from the Board.

❖ **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – Sharon Carroll (Items 8-9)**

**Item 8                      4:15 PM                      SUICIDE PREVENTION TRAINING PROGRAMS DISCUSSION**  
**Senator Edie McClafferty**

Senator McClafferty discussed with the Board HB 374 passed in the 2015 Legislative Session and reviewed the history of the bill, which requires training to be available for schools in an online format. Currently the OPI offers this program. Senator McClafferty asked the Board to consider making suicide prevention training available to educators as part of their ongoing training. Training could be done in person, or online. OPI staff presented the current program offered by OPI as an online training service for educators and discussed how the program is going moving forward. Ms. Lacey asked what the group is looking for from the Board. Senator McClafferty stated that it is being asked that the Board put the matter into ARM rule for educators to receive training in order for license renewal. Discussion ensued on how to move forward and what the rule would look like. Chair Carroll asked that the BPE Executive Committee work with OPI to discuss this issue further and how to move forward, especially paying attention to “hold harmless” language for educators. Superintendent Arntzen noted that April 5 in the Capitol Rotunda is Mental Health Awareness Day and invited everyone to attend.

**Item 9                      4:45 PM                      FEDERAL UPDATE**  
**Superintendent Elsie Arntzen**

Superintendent Arntzen turned the item over to Ms. Susie Hedelen to highlight the Board on the ESSA plan submitted in December. New requirements have come down from the Department of Education and the template has changed, so the Montana plan has been pulled in order to update the plan with the new requirements. Stakeholders have been contacted and community outreach is planned to reach the new September 2017 deadline. Community outreach meetings will be broken out to the 9 MASS regions. The 3 new requirements are: 1) Long term goals for English Language proficiency 2) how Title IV funds are distributed to local agencies 3) insuring homeless youth receive assistance from counselors to help prepare them for college. In addition to the 3 new requirements other requirements were removed which determined the decision to pull back the previously submitted plan.

**ADJOURN                      5:47 PM**

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**Friday March 17, 2017**  
**8:00 AM**

Meeting reconvened at 8:00 AM Friday March 17, 2017.

**ACTION**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

***The public will be afforded the opportunity to comment before the Board on every action item on the agenda prior to final Board action***

**ITEM 7**

- **Superintendent Contract Renewal**

Ms. Mary Jo Bremner read the pertinent information from the Superintendent of the MSDB contract for the Board members information prior to making a motion.

**Ms. Mary Jo Bremner moved to approve the contract extension for the Superintendent of the MSDB for the 2017-2018 school year. Ms. Tammy Lacey seconded the motion.**

***Dr. Darlene Schottle thanked Ms. Sorensen for her work and recommended Ms. Sorensen continue working with her mentor from SAM and also recommended a format change to the report given to the Board.***

***Ms. Tammy Lacey also thanked Ms. Sorensen for her work.***

***Mr. Jesse Barnhart thanked her for her work.***

***Chair Carroll commented that she and Ms. Sorensen are frequent contact regarding issues that arise at the school.***

***No further discussion. Motion passed unanimously.***

❖ **ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE – Sharon Carroll (Item 10)**

**Item 10      8:00 AM      ASSESSMENT UPDATE  
Jessica Eilertson**

Ms. Jessica Eilertson gave the Assessment update to the Board. Ms. Eilertson highlighted a meeting she and Superintendent Arntzen had with Measured Progress regarding reporting of test scores, the ACT test for high school juniors given April 19<sup>th</sup>.

• **UPDATES ON ACT TESTING FOR HIGH SCHOOL JUNIORS FOR 2016-2017  
ACADEMIC YEAR  
Superintendent Elsie Arntzen**

Dr. Tim Tharp gave the update regarding the ACT test used as the assessment piece for high school juniors. Dr. Tharp highlighted the history of assessment from 2012 to present including issues encountered with Measured Progress and the Smarter Balanced testing in 2015 that resulted in Superintendent Juneau moving to the use of the ACT and the Board's approval of the ACT for high school juniors. The alignment study of the ACT promised by the previous Superintendent has not occurred, nor has the peer review process been completed. Dr. Tharp noted that the motion approved by the Board regarding the ACT was that it was to be used for the 2015-2016 school year. Dr. Tharp noted that while the ACT is a highly regarded test, it is not aligned with the current state standards and that it seems necessary to examine using another test as the assessment for high school juniors. Dr. Tharp announced that arrangements are being made to make sure the peer review process happens and that the alignment study takes place. Ms. Eilertsen is working on this right now. The administration has made the decision to move the Assessment Division back under the Superintendent's direct administration ensuring that Ms. Eilertsen and her division have the support they need moving forward. Dr. Tharp fielded questions from the Board regarding the peer review process and alignment study that have not been completed. Ms. Eilertsen distributed a newly developed timeline for OPI to begin meeting the federal requirements and for the peer review and alignment study to be completed.

❖ **LICENSURE COMMITTEE – Jesse Barnhart (Items 11-14)**

- Item 11            8:25 AM            PROPOSED NEW CURRICULUM PROGRAM IN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AND CHILD SERVICES PRESCHOOL THROUGH GRADE 3 (ECE & CS P-3) IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT, MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY BOZEMAN**  
**Dr. Linda Vrooman Peterson; Dr. Christine Lux – MSU**

Dr. Peterson introduced the item to the Board and introduced Dr. Lux, MSU to the Board. Dr. Peterson reviewed the progress to date on this new program that was initially presented to the Board in January. Dr. Lux then spoke to the Board and reviewed the program details and answered questions from the Board.

**ACTION**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

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- Item 12            8:40 AM            RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE SECONDARY EDUCATION ENDORSEMENT PROGRAM IN COMPUTER SCIENCE IN THE PHYLLIS J. WASHINGTON COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND HUMAN SCIENCES, UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA**  
**Dr. Linda Vrooman Peterson; Dr. Lisa Blank, UM**

Dr. Peterson briefly reviewed the previous two informational presentations of this newly proposed program at the University of Montana heard by the Board in November and January. Dr. Blank addressed the Board briefly before the Board took action. Dr. Blank answered Board questions.

*Mr. Jesse Barnhart moved to approve the Computer Science Minor Endorsement program in Secondary Education in the Phyllis J. Washington College of Education and Human Sciences, University of Montana. Ms. Tammy Lacey seconded the motion.*

*No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.*

- Item 13            8:55 AM            RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE MONTANA MINIMUM SCORE ON PRAXIS SUBJECT ASSESSMENT (FORMERLY PRAXIS II® TESTS), PURSUANT TO ARM 10.57.410(4)**  
**Dr. Linda Vrooman Peterson**

Dr. Peterson reviewed the history of the PRAXIs in Montana, how the test has evolved, and how the test is used as an assessment piece for teacher preparation programs to evaluate teacher candidates.

*Mr. Jesse Barnhart moved to approve the Montana Minimum Scores on PRAXIS Subject Assessments (formerly PRAXISS II Content Knowledge Tests) in Agriculture Ed (157), Technology Ed (154), Latin (152), Family and Consumer Science (148), Psychology (154), and Theatre (148) pursuant to ARM 10.57.410(410). Dr. Darlene Schottle seconded the motion.*

*Question from Ms. Lacey regarding the agriculture scores requirement on the test.*

*No further discussion. Motion passed unanimously.*

Item 14            9:10 AM            RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF “VERIFICATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE” FORM  
Kristine Thatcher

**Mr. Jesse Barnhart moved to approve the Verification of Administrative Experience form as presented. Motion seconded by Ms. Tammy Lacey.**

***Comment from Ms. Lacey regarding the review process used in order to approve the form for use.***

***Comment from Angela McLean regarding how this new process assists teacher recruitment and retention.***

***No further discussion. Motion passed unanimously.***

❖    LICENSURE COMMITTEE – Tammy Lacey (Items 15-19)

Item 15            9:25 AM            RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF ONE YEAR EXTENSION REQUEST OF CLASS 5 LICENSE FOR SALLY KING  
Kristine Thatcher

Ms. Thatcher reviewed the request received by the Licensure Division at OPI for an extension of a Class 5 license due to a family medical emergency. Ms. Thatcher asked the Board to approve the request.

**Ms. Tammy Lacey moved to approve the request for a one-year extension of a Class 5 license for Sally King. Mr. Jesse Barnhart seconded the motion.**

***Chair Carroll noted that in her time on the Board only one other extension has been granted but due to the extreme circumstances agreed this request was valid.***

***Concern noted from Dr. Schottle regarding verification of the extreme circumstances. No request was made by OPI but the college advisor was contacted who verified the information.***

**Motion amended by Ms. Lacey to approve the request of a one-year extension of a class 5 license for Sally King pending verification of the extenuating circumstance. Motion seconded by Mr. Jesse Barnhart.**

***No further discussion. Motion passed unanimously.***

Item 16            9:40 AM            RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF EXCEPTION REQUEST FOR HOBSON PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND SUBSEQUENT EMERGENCY AUTHORIZATION OF EMPLOYMENT FOR CLAY DUNLAP  
Kristine Thatcher

Ms. Thatcher explained to the Board the circumstances surrounding the request from Hobson Public Schools and the employment by the School District of Mr. Clay Dunlap.

**Ms. Tammy Lacey moved to approve the request for an exception for Hobson Public Schools and subsequent emergency authorization of employment for Clay Dunlap. Motion seconded by Mr. Jesse Barnhart.**

***Question from Ms. Mary Jo Bremner on possibility of temporary employment being used by the district and why that may have not happened.***

***Dr. Schottle asked if the position was posted – Ms. Thatcher replied as far as she knows it was not.***

***Dr. Tharp added some clarifying information regarding this situation.***

***No further discussion. Motion passed 3 approve 2 against (Dr. Schottle and Ms. Bremner dissenting). Dr. Schottle noted her concern about not setting precedent.***

\*\*\*\*\*BREAK 10:05 – 10:15 AM\*\*\*\*\*

**Item 17            10:10 AM            HEARING ON BPE CASE 2016-06 APPEAL OF CLASS 4A LICENSE  
DENIAL  
Rob Stutz**

Mr. Stutz reviewed the case for the Board noting that the appellant notified the Board that he would not be present at the hearing. OPI gave the Board a brief history on the matter at hand in relation to the case before them.

***Ms. Tammy Lacey moved to approve the denial by the Superintendent of Public Instruction for a Class 4A Technical License for the appellant in BPE Case #2016-06. Dr. Darlene Schottle seconded the motion.***

***Mr. Stutz made some points of clarification for the Board regarding licensure and endorsements.***

***No further discussion. Motion passed unanimously.***

**Item 18            10:40 AM            HEARING ON BPE CASE 2016-07 APPEAL OF CLASS 2 LICENSE  
DENIAL  
Rob Stutz**

Mr. Stutz reviewed the case for the Board and noted the appellant, Ms. Hesse, is present at the hearing. Ms. Hesse stated her case to the Board, noting that she holds licensure in California and has taken the PRAXIS test, but not the one required by Montana.

Mr. Kyle Moen, Chief Legal Counsel for the Office of Public Instruction questioned Dr. Linda Vrooman Peterson regarding the PRAXIS test, and the differences between the test today and the test taken by Ms. Hesse.

Ms. Hesse gave rebuttal statements regarding OPI's presentation, noting that she holds license in 3 other states and has never been asked to revisit her test scores taken upon college graduation.

Ms. Lacey asked for a timeline of teaching experience from Ms. Hesse.

Dr. Schottle questioned Dr. Peterson what Ms. Hesse would need to do in order to be licensed in Montana. Dr. Peterson noted she would need to take the Elementary Education PRAXIS test and achieve the minimum score. No additional coursework is required of Ms. Hesse.

***Ms. Tammy Lacey moved to approve the denial of the Superintendent of Public Instruction of a Class 2 Educator License for the appellant in BPE Case #2016-07. Motion seconded by Dr. Schottle.***  
***No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.***

## INFORMATION

### Item 19      11:10 AM      BPE CASE 2016-08 LICENSE SUSPENSION REQUEST Rob Stutz, Kyle Moen

Mr. Stutz reviewed for the Board this matter was heard at the January Board meeting as a request for license suspension, of which the Board asked OPI for a further investigation. Mr. Moen noted for the Board that the educator's counsel has withdrawn and since that happened the OPI has not had contact with the educator. Mr. Moen noted that the OPI has discussed immediate action of suspending the license but they did not feel that appropriate at that time. The Board noted their concern that the individual not be employed at this time and that emergency action may be necessary. Mr. Stutz noted that any action would need to be brought forward to the Board by the OPI for emergency action, per administrative rule. Mr. Stutz noted that at this time the OPI has made reasonable effort to be assured that the individual is not employed. Ms. Carroll asked if this item will be presented at the May meeting and Mr. Moen noted that the initial request will come to the Board in May. The Board would look for a hearing with action being taken at the July meeting. Ms. Lacey voiced her concerns regarding hiring for the 2017-2018 school year that the individuals license would show as 'active' on the OPI website and could potentially be hired in the interim. Discussion ensued on the possibility of emergency action on the license as referred by OPI. Mr. Stutz noted the statute as it reads for the Boards information in MCA 2-4-631(3). Dr. Sharp echoed Mr. Moen's comments that OPI fully discussed this issue and that it was not necessary in this case. Mr. Moen noted that the Board of Medical Practitioners uses this law but noted that they hold a hearing within 45 days on the matter. Chair Carroll requested that Ms. Lacey, Mr. Donovan, and Mr. Stutz be in contact with Mr. Moen regarding this matter and ensure we are on track.

## ACTION

### PUBLIC COMMENT

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### ❖ ACCREDITATION COMMITTEE – Darlene Schottle (Items 20-21)

### Item 20      11:20 AM      RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE 2016-2017 ACCREDITATION STATUS OF ALL SCHOOLS Patty Muir

Dr. Schottle opened the presentation of the 2016-2017 Final Accreditation Status of All Schools, and turned the item over to Ms. Patty Muir to present the report and answer questions. Ms. Muir briefly reviewed the work over the past year in gathering the information and streamlining the process. Ms. Muir reviewed the report with the Board and explained all the different sections and answered questions. Ms. Muir thanked all those across the state who contributed to the report. Ms. Muir requested the Board's approval.

**Dr. Darlene Schottle moved to approve the 2016-2017 Final Accreditation Status of all schools as recommended by the Superintendent of Public Instruction. Motion seconded by Ms. Mary Jo Bremner.**

***Dr. Schottle thanked OPI for the report and for their work.***

***Ms. Mary Jo Bremner also thanked Ms. Muir and Mr. Miller for their work.***

***Ms. Lacey asked how the report was distributed or disseminated – Ms. Muir advised it is posted on the OPI website. Ms. Lacey recommended sending copies to the Governor's Office and the Education Committees of the***

***House and Senate. Ms. Lacey noted she will share the report at her next school board meeting. Concern noted from Dr. Tharp about individuals using the report to come down hard on schools who are experiencing accreditation issues. Discussion surrounding this concern.***

***No further discussion. Motion approved unanimously.***

**Item 21            11:45 AM            RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE 2016-2017 REPORT OF SCHOOLS TO EXIT INTENSIVE ASSISTANCE; SCHOOLS TO ENTER INTENSIVE ASSISTANCE; SCHOOLS TO MOVE TO STEP 2 OF INTENSIVE ASSISTANCE**  
**Patty Muir**

Ms. Muir discussed the Intensive Assistance process revisions and presented the recommendation for Intensive Assistance for schools to Exit, schools to Enter, and schools to move to Step 2.

Ms. Muir presented 6 schools to Exit Intensive Assistance.

***Dr. Darlene Schottle moved to approve Superintendent Arntzen's recommendation to EXIT the following six schools from Intensive Assistance: Hall Elementary; Hall School; Fairview Public Schools: Fairview High School; Galata Elementary; Galata School; Frazer Public Schools: Frazer 7-8, Frazer Elementary; Billings Public Schools: Poly Drive School. Motion seconded by Ms. Tammy Lacey.***

***No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.***

Ms. Muir presented the 16 schools to Enter Intensive Assistance.

***Dr. Darlene Schottle moved to approve Superintendent Arntzen's recommendation for the following sixteen schools to ENTER Intensive Assistance: Hardin Public Schools: Fort Smith School; Lodge Grass Public Schools: Lodge Grass School; Pryor Public Schools: Plenty Coups High School; Hays-Lodge Pole K-12 Schools: Hays-Lodge Pole 7-8, Hays-Lodge Pole High School; Cascade Public Schools: Cascade High School; Winifred Public Schools: Winifred 6-8, Winifred High School; Fair-Mont-Egan Elementary: Fair-Mont-Egan School; Libby K-12 Schools: Libby Elementary, Libby Middle School; Westby K-12 Schools: Westby 7-8, Westby High School; Opheim K-12 Schools: Opheim 7-8, Opheim High School; Harlowton Public Schools: Harlowton High School. Motion seconded by Ms. Tammy Lacey.***

***Comment from Ms. Lacey regarding most deviations are due to Library Media Specialist and asked what their improvement plans look like. Ms. Muir noted that the schools are looking for people to fill the positions and OPI works with the schools with this issue.***

***No further discussion. Motion passed unanimously.***

Ms. Muir presented 5 schools to move to Step 2 of the Intensive Assistance Process. These schools must appear before the BPE at their May meeting with Superintendent and Board chair to present a written plan.

**Dr. Darlene Schottle moved to approve Superintendent Arntzen's recommendation for the following five schools to move to Step 2 of the Intensive Assistance Process: Sidney Public Schools: Sidney High School; Wolf Point Public Schools: Southside School, Wolf Point 7-8, Wolf Point High School; Lame Deer Public Schools: Lame Deer School. Motion seconded by Mr. Jesse Barnhart.**

***No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.***

Ms. Muir presented 5 schools to remain in Step 2 of the Intensive Assistance Process.

Box Elder – to remain in Step 2 while trying to coordinate a .001 FTE for Curriculum coordinator.

**Dr. Darlene Schottle moved to approve the Supt recommendation for Box Elder to remain in Step 2. Motion seconded by Ms. Mary Jo Bremner**  
***Ms. Lacey asked about the possibility of the school joining a coop and Ms. Muir indicated that is a possibility.***

***No further discussion. Motion passed unanimously.***

Conrad High School – second year of missassigned teacher but a new misassignment.

**Dr. Darlene Schottle moved to approve Supt recommendation for Conrad High School to remain in Step 2. Motion seconded by Ms. Mary Jo Bremner.**

***No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.***

Poplar High School – assurance deviations all corrected but graduation rate is in deficiency.

**Dr. Darlene Schottle moved to approve Supt recommendation for Poplar High School to remain in Step 2. Motion seconded by Mr. Jesse Barnhart.**

***No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.***

Lame Deer Public Schools: High school has corrected Library Media and non-licensed teachers but continues with missassigned teacher and another non licensed teacher.

**Dr. Darlene Schottle moved to keep Lame Deer HS in Step 2. Motion seconded by Ms. Mary Jo Bremner.**

***No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.***

Lame Deer 7-8 has three different non licensed teachers but student performance has improved.

**Dr. Darlene Schottle moved to approve Supt recommendation for Lame Deer 7-8 to remain in Step 2. Motion seconded by Mr. Jesse Barnhart.**

***No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.***

❖ **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – Sharon Carroll (Item 22)**

**Item 22            12:05 PM            RECOMMEND APPROVAL TO NOTICE REVISED BUS STANDARDS  
Kara Sperle**

Ms. Kara Sperle reviewed the process undertaken at the Office of Public Instruction for reviewing the Bus Standards per the new National Bus Standard revisions. Billings, Missoula, Frenchtown, Butte, Stevensville, Conrad, and Great Falls school districts all contributed to the process, as well as Mr. Donovan at the BPE Office. Ms. Sperle distributed the proposed rule change and Cost Analysis for the proposed changes.

**Ms. Tammy Lacey moved to accept the proposed timeline for the proposed revisions to the bus standards and to approve the proposed Notice of Public hearing. Motion seconded by Dr. Darlene Schottle.**

***Ms. Lacey asked how the information is distributed. OPI will distribute as well as the Board offices.***

***No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.***

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS May 11-12, 2017, Great Falls MT**

CSPAC Appointments

Student Representative Last Meeting & Recognition

*Approve K-12 Schools Payment Schedule*

*Assessment Update*

*Accreditation Report*

*Variance to Standards Requests & Renewals*

*Federal Update*

*MACIE Update*

Approve MSDB School Calendar

**Executive Director Performance Evaluation**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment.

**ADJOURN**

**Dr. Schottle moved to adjourn. Mary Jo seconded.**

**Meeting adjourned at 12:50 PM.**

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